



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

Country: Palestine

Location: Gaza Strip

Assignment Title : Local Technical Consultant / Gaza Strip Cluster

Reference No.: 4.2.4-MDPVCI

The Palestine Liberation Organization, for the benefit of the Palestinian National Authority (PNA), has received an initial financing of **EUR 108 million** from the World Bank-International Development Association (IDA), MDTF (administered by the World Bank), PA, KFW, Denmark, the Belgian Development Agency (Enabel), SDC, GIZ, EU and AFD towards the cost of the 4th phase of the Municipal Development Program (MDPIV).

MDPIV is aligned with the PA's long-term National Development Plan and MOLG's Sector Strategy to consolidate and strengthen service delivery in the LG sector towards financially sustainable LGUs.

MDPIV is at the center of a series of interlocking interventions by the multi donors in collaboration with the central government to strengthen the institutional development, accountability and financial sustainability of local governance and service delivery in Palestine.

The Municipal Development and Lending Fund (MDLF) as the implanting agency for the project intends to use part of the grant for consulting services to hire Consultancy Firms to conduct the **above-mentioned assignment** which will be conducted in selected municipalities in Gaza Strip.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR's) for the assignment can be viewed at the website: www.MDLF.org.ps/TOR

The Municipal Development and Lending Fund now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the Services. **The consulting firms must express their interests in the assignment by sending their EOIs to the e-mail listed below.**

Interested consulting firms should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are: **General firm's profile (Core business and years in business, qualifications in the field of the assignment, technical and managerial organization of the firm, general qualifications and number of key staff).**

Objective of the Assignment:

The main objective of this assignment is to provide technical support to the targeted Municipalities (listed in the TOR) for the implementation of infrastructure projects approved in their strategic development and investment plans. The technical support and



assistance will include on-the-job training and full responsibility for implementing all tasks and activities.

Specific objectives are:

- (i) *Project planning and design:* review the application forms, designs (survey maps, existing plans, design drawings, licenses, bill of quantities, specifications, and bidding documents...etc.); review and verify procurement plans, infrastructure and services maintenance, designs, specifications, and bidding documents.
- (ii) *Project implementation and supervision:* assist the municipalities in the supervision process and build the capacity of the staff of targeted Municipalities to implement projects including communication with contractors, MDLF, and others, reporting on implementation progress, monitoring of indicators, and compliance with the standards delineated by MDLF.
- (iii) *Ensuring compliance with technical and fiduciary aspects:*
 - provide guidance to targeted Municipalities on technical and fiduciary aspects of project preparation and implementation to ensure compliance with MDLF's procurement, financial, social, and environment safeguards procedures (including provision of mitigation measures).
 - Build the capacity of staff of municipalities in all aspects and in all of project's stages.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" Fourth Edition November 2020, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Selection based on Quality-Cost Based Selection (QCBS)** method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 PM.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by **05/09/2023**.

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